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Trimming Travel Costs

(NAPSA)—A number of savvy travelers have learned they can hit the road without taking a big hit in the pocketbook. That's because many families now enjoy inexpensive and fun vacations in the great outdoors.

Campgrounds with amenities ranging from hot showers to e-mail have helped make camping an increasingly popular—and comfortable—way to get away from it all.

If you're planning an outdoor vacation, experts recommend the following tips to cut travel costs:

- **Eat Smart.** It's a good idea to bring food and water with you from home. You may be surprised at how much money you can save when you dine in, while venturing out.

- **Bring The Whole Family.** A number of different vacation destinations allow pets. Bringing your furry or feathered friend along for the ride can save you the cost of boarding and can make your vacation more enjoyable.

- **Do Your Homework.** Many different vacation spots offer discounts and conveniences that you may not be aware of. For example, KOA Campgrounds offers a value card that can help vacationers save money. The card is honored at all KOA Campgrounds nationwide and entitles its bearers to discounts at many outlet malls and daily campground registration fees, as well as a free



Spending the night at a campground can be a safe and smart way to save money while on vacation.

directory, listing all KOA Campgrounds, full-color state and province maps and travel tips.

- **Cut Transportation Costs.** You don't have to travel across the country to see amazing sights. You may find a great vacation destination in your own backyard. Call a chamber of commerce or check the library for points of interest near home. It could save you time and money.

- **Plan Before You Pack.** Make a checklist of things that you will need while on the road and be sure to look it over while packing. Remember, the more necessities you bring with you, the fewer things you'll need to buy while on your trip.

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